

A collection of symbolic objects is arranged on a light-colored surface. On the left, a portion of a chessboard with a checkered pattern and several chess pieces is visible. Below the chessboard, there are two ornate medals: one with a red ribbon and a white star, and another with a blue ribbon and a white star. A silver compass is located in the bottom left corner. A pair of gold-rimmed glasses with thin temples is positioned in the center, with one temple resting on the chessboard and the other on the surface. The overall composition suggests themes of strategy, honor, and navigation.

Chapter 1

Ethics and Law



How Ethical Decisions Are Made

- ◆ Feelings and Opinions
 - *Examples 1 & 2*
- ◆ The Greatest Good
 - *Example 3*
- ◆ The Golden Rule
 - *Examples 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8*



Relationship between Ethics and Law

- ◆ Ethics tell us what we **SHOULD** do
- ◆ Laws are needed because people do not always do what they are supposed to do



Relationship between Ethics and Law

- ◆ Law consists of rules of conduct established by the government of a society to maintain stability and justice in that society



Relationship between Ethics and Law

- ◆ The law cannot always make people do what is right.
- ◆ However, it does have the power to punish them for doing things that are wrong!



Law & Ethics

- ◆ While shopping for a new CD, you find a boxed set of three CD's with a price of \$35. The cashier accidentally rings up \$15, which is the price for one CD.



Law & Ethics

- ◆ Do you have a legal responsibility to tell the clerk?
- ◆ Do you have a moral or ethical responsibility?
- ◆ Do you tell them?



Law & Ethics

- ◆ While stopping at the store for your mother to pick up some milk, the cashier mistakenly gives you an extra dollar back in change. You notice it immediately.



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Law & Ethics

- ◆ While stopping at the store for your mother to pick up some milk, the cashier mistakenly gives you an extra twenty dollars back in change. You notice it immediately.



Law & Ethics

- ◆ Do you have a legal responsibility to tell the clerk?
- ◆ Do you have a moral or ethical responsibility?
- ◆ Do you tell them?
- ◆ Is your answer different than before because of the amount?



What do you think?

- ◆ Can you think of an issue that might create a conflict between legal and ethical views?



What do you think?

- ◆ Abortion
- ◆ Death Penalty
- ◆ Nuclear Warfare
- ◆ War...I mean conflict in Iraq
 - *Mission Accomplished????*
- ◆ What else?



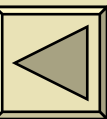
Sources of Law

- ◆ Federal and State constitutions
- ◆ English Common Law
- ◆ Statutes
- ◆ Court Decisions
- ◆ Administrative Law



Federal and State Constitutions

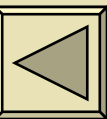
- ◆ Spell out the principles by which that country's (state's) government operate
- ◆ the most fundamental law of the land
- ◆ “We the people...”





English Common Law

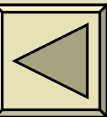
- ◆ Early England, kings tried to centralize the government and establish a court system
- ◆ Every effort was made to share the same law “in common” with everyone in the country
- ◆ Precedent - “let the decision stand”





Statutory Law

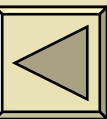
- ◆ Laws specifically passed by a governing body, created for that purpose
- ◆ laws passed by U.S. Congress, state legislatures, local city or town boards





Court Decisions

- ◆ Court made law is also called case law, court decisions, and judge made law
- ◆ decisions made by the highest court of any state become the law of that state
- ◆ determine constitutionality





Administrative Regulations

- ◆ Those rules and procedures established by regulatory agencies
 - a department of government formed to administer particular legislation
- ◆ They make their own rules, enforce their own rules, investigate violations of rules, and decide guilt or innocence

